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SUBJECT: POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF OMAN SETS CONDITIONS

1. AHAM NOVEMBER 24 REPORTS THAT AN ENVOY WHO SPORTS NOM DE GUERRE "BADR SULTAN" HAS HAD THREE-DAY CONSULTATION WITH ARAB LEAGUE ASSTSYG NOFAL AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH SYG RIAD. REPORTEDLY, RIAD HAD CABLED PFLO TO SEND REP TO DISCUSS CRISIS WITH OMAN.

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2. ACCORDING TO PAPER PFLO ENVOY SET THREE PRECONDITIONS FOR

DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH OMAN: (A) ARAB LEAGUE RECOGNITION THAT PFLO IS PARTY TO DISPUTE; (B) EXPRESSION BY ARAB LEAGUE OF READINESS TO MAKE FOREIGN FORCES WITHDRAW FROM AREA; AND (C) ARAB LEAGUE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH ARABIA TOGETHER WITH SYG SHOULD VISIT AREAS OF FIGHTING.

3. STILL ACCORDING TO AHAM, ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT TOLD ENVOY THAT ARAB LEAGUE'S CONTRACTING OF PFLO COMMAND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED RECONGITION OF THAT ORGANIZATION AS BEING A PARTY TO THE CONFLICT. CONCILIATION COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS MET IN CAIRO, HAS DECIDED, HOWEVER, TO REFUSE TO VISIT AREAS OF FIGHTING. FURTHER, SECRETARIAT WANTS PREPARATION FOR ANY CONCILIATION TO OCCUR ON ARAB LEAGUE PREMISES IN CAIRO IN PRESENCE OF PFLO AND OMAN GOVERNMENT REPS. COMMITTEE WILL UNDERTAKE TO CONVEY THE VIEW POINTS OF EACH SIDE UNTIL THE TWO SIDES REACH POINT AT WHICH DIRECT DISCUSSIONS CAN BEGIN.

4. COMMENT: PFLO DEL WAS HERE EARLY NOVEMBER AND DID HAVE LENGTHY TALKS WITH NOFAL. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO RAN INTO THEM IN NOFAL'S OFFICE AND DESCRIBED THEM AS SCABROUS, FLEA-BITTEN OUTFIT, TOLD US NOFAL DESCRIBED THEIR ATTITUDE AS IMPOSSIBLY TOUGH AND DEFINITELY NOT CONCILIATORY. ARAB LEAGUE POLITICAL DIRECTOR TOLD US CONCILIATION COMMITTEE'S REFUSAL TO ENTER AREAS OF FIGHTING WITHOUT OMANI GOVERNMENT PERMISSION CONTINUES TO BE FIRM (AS USUAL HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE IS SCARED TO DEATH OF BEING SHOT IF THEY GO THERE). AHAM SAYS, AND OUR ARAB LEAGUE SOURCES CONFIRM, THAT PFLO ENVOY WILL RETURN FROM ADEN FOR MORE CONSULTATIONS HERE IN CAIRO.
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